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PRICE \$2 1/2 PER MONTH

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

October 24, KUTANG, British steamer, 1,435.
Young, Whampoa 24th October, General.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
October 24, PEKING, British steamer, 351.
G. H. Housermann, Shanghai 21st October.
General SIEMSEN & Co.
October 24, CHINA, German steamer, 1,093.
Maya Waha 18th October, Rio.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
October 24, ALLIE ROWE, German brig, 340.
Phillips, Tientsin 13th October, General.
WEILER & Co.
October 24, POLYHYNMIA, German steamer, 1,053.
R. Bohm, Higa 18th October, General.
General SIEMSEN & Co.
October 24, MELVILLE, British steamer, 1,303.
B. Nelson, Shanghai via Foochow and Amoy
17th October, General.—BUTTERFIELD &
SWIRE.
October 24, GERMANIA, British steamer, 1,093.
Thomas, Glasgow and Singapore 17th Oct.
General ADAMSON, BULL & Co.
October 24, FOOKSANG, British steamer, 993.
Hong, Shanghai 21st October, General.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
October 24, SALTIE, French steamer, 323.
Lerdo, Haiphong 21st October and Holbov
23rd General.—A. R. MARTY.
October 24, AN LAN, Chinese g.b. from Swatow.
October 23, BOVILLA, British steamer, 2,251.
W. Barratt, Shanghai 22nd October, Mail and
General P. O. S. N. Co.
October 23, EDEN, British bark, 318, John
Nairn, Tientsin 16th Oct., barrel Hoops
and Holes.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
October 23, ELSA, German steamer, 552. Chas.
Kuchot, Haiphong 14th Oct. and Holbov
23rd General.—WEILER & Co.
October 23, NIERNSTEIN, German steamer, 731.
Von Frieden, Chafou 18th October, Beans.
—NICHOLS & Co.
October 23, TITOS, German steamer, 1,340. A.
Blechen, Bangkok 16th October, Rice.—
ED SCHELLERSS & Co.
October 23, AMATISTA, British steamer, 522. Th.
Hamlin, Tamsui 21st and Amoy 24th Oct.
General DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.
October 23, VORWARTS, German steamer, 612.
J. Brink, Saigon 19th October, Rice.—
WEILER & Co.
October 23, THALER, British steamer, 320. T. G.
Pocul, Taiwanfo 21st, Amoy 22nd, and
Swatow 23rd October, General DOUGLAS
LAPRAK & Co.
October 25, KWONG-WAI, Chinese str., 400. J.
W. Lawson, from Canton, Ballast.—ORDER.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
24TH OCTOBER.
Gratitude, British str. for Hioho.
Galveston, British str. for Saigon.
Pechili, British str. for Tientsin.
Ningchow, British str. for Shanghai.
Kutang, British str. for Shanghai.
Vorwerk, British str. for Bangkok.
Duglas, British str. for Swatow.
Amy, British str. for Shanghai.
Aston, German str. for Holbov.
Duburg, German str. for Saigon.

DEPARTURES.

October 24, GLENAGLE, British steamer, for
Shanghai.
October 24, KUTANG, British str. for Shanghai.
October 24, NINGCHOW, British str., for Shang-
hai.
October 24, POCHEIL, British str. for Tientsin.
October 24, GRATITUDE, British str. for Hioho.
October 24, CHINA, German str. for Whampoa.
October 24, PEKING, British str. for Whampoa.
October 25, DUBURG, German str. for Saigon.
October 25, VORWARTS, German str. for Holbov.
October 25, KWONG-WAI, Chinese str., for Swatow.
October 25, AN LAN, Chinese str., for Canton.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Allie Rose, from Tientsin.—2 Chins.
Per Pochil, str., from Shanghai.—73 Chinese.
Per Polyhymnia, str., from Hioho.—4 Japanese.
Per Eden, bark, from Tientsin.—Mrs. Nairn.
Per Vorwarts, str., from Saigon.—20 Chinese.
Per Thales, str., from Taiwanfo.—do.—34 Chinese.
Per Elsie, str., from Haiphong, &c.—1 European and 10 Chinese.
Per Germany, str., from Glasgow.—do.—68 Chinese from Singapore.
Per Anatolia, str., from Tamsui, &c.—Mr. Evans, and 2 Chinese.
Per Melville, str., from Shanghai, &c.—Mr. Webb, and 23 Chinese.
Per Anna, str., from Shanghai.—Mr. Vale H. Fendall Carter and servant, Miss Murphy, and 70 Chinese.
Per Salis, str., from Haiphong, &c.—Father Malachy Tatnaght, Mrs. Merki, Messrs. Barnet, Merki and Derel Phillips, and 17 Chinese.
Per Rivalda, str., from Shanghai.—For Hong Kong.—Misses W. Witton, C. F. Clark, &c. 26. Bellies and native servant, A. S. Cohen and native servant, C. Cohen, 2 Chinese, servant, and 2 Chinese. For Penang.—Mr. H. Sampson. For Marseilles.—Mrs. R. G. Gubbay. For London.—Capt. Grenfell, Mrs. Bruce Meares, W. Howie, R. G. Ogle, F. E. Lewis, W. W. King, and Chain Ho Kin.
REPARTURES.
The British bark Eden, reports left Tientsin on the 16th October, and had moderate weather in general throughout the passage.

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The British steamer Anatolia reports left Tamsui on the 21st Oct., and Amoy on the 17th Oct., and experienced strong monsoon and gloomy weather throughout.

The French steamer Salles reports left Haiphong on the 21st October, and Holbov on the 23rd, and had heavy N.E. winds and strong sea. On the 22nd inst., spoke Elsie Melville and Aetos, all from Holbov bound for Saigon. On the 23rd inst., spoke Cyroader from Changle bound to Hong Kong.

The British steamer Thales reports left Taiwanfo on the 21st Oct., had strong N.E. winds and fine weather. Left Amoy on the 22nd, had fresh Norttherly wind and fine weather. Left Swatow on the 24th, fresh N.E. winds and fine weather to port. In Amoy steamer El Dorado and Fugue. In Swatow steamer Sivatoe and Astoria and H.B.M.S. Export.

INTIMATIONS.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS.

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Hongkong, 24th August, 1885.

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ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE

YEAR 1884.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested to

send in to this Office a List of their Con-

tributions of Premiums to be paid to the Com-

pany for the year ending 31st Decem-

ber last, in order that the proportion of

Prize to be paid may be arranged.

Reduction will be made in the amount of

the Bonus of 300 Novembe next, will be made up

by the Company, and subsequent claims of

settlement will be allowed.

By Order of the Directors,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1885.

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NOTICE:

M. R. VITA begs to announce that on the 1st November he will open a PUBLIC

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THE RETURN OF THE DAI IN KUN TO KOREA.

The Dai In Kun says—The Dai In Kun has returned to Korea, and is now at Chonju on the 3rd inst., taking up his temporary residence at the Chinese Consulate. Large crowds of Koreans assembled to see him land, and he was accompanied by a guard of sailors from the Chinese man-of-war that took him over. He addressed the assembled multitude, and on Monday, the 5th, left for Seoul, escorted by two companies of Chinese marines. The corps reached the capital at 2 p.m. the same day, the King going as far as the city gate to meet the King going as far as the city gate to meet the

The Mercury says—The arrival of the Dai In Kun in Korea, on the 3rd inst., we are sorry to learn, was followed almost immediately by the spilling of blood, of two of his two company parades, who had used seductive language or threats against the King, and were subsequently despatched by order of the King. It is to be hoped the return of the Dai In Kun to his native country may not turn out a gross mistake. It is also reported that the two retainers of that personage of bloody renown, who were put to death after his late arrival in Korea, were implicated in the murder of the Queen's uncle and, it is said, at the instigation of the leaders of the outbreak at Seoul during the summer of 1883.

NOETH BORNEO.

SANDAKAN, 30th September. The steamer Royalist, which arrived here on 28th instant from Palauan, brought news of the murder of Mr. T. Allen (late Harbour Master of Sandakan) at the hands of natives. The natives (Sulus) were robbing him, and had also burnt and pillaged the stores of some Chinese traders (British subjects). It is hoped that the British Government will detect a garrison to protect and assist the inhabitants.

The Governor has been paying this place a flying visit, and again returns to Labuan. The permanent residence of the Governor here is considered a dire necessity. Under present arrangements it is extremely difficult to do business "put through," red-tapeism and bungling at times, and other considerations constantly coming to the mind. I also hear that several high and mighty officials, who have been engaged in private speculations, and in "trade" altogether there is plenty to do to require the constant attention and watchfulness of the head of the Government in the spot. I am informed that the "call" on shareholders of the Company, recently made in London, is being but slowly met, and the wish that the British Government would take over the country is being expressed in several quarters.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SATURDAY, 24th October. OPIUM.—Quotations are—Malva (New)....\$540 per picul, alce, of 21 catties. Malva (Old)....\$550 to \$560 per picul, alce, of 24 to 32 catties. Patau (New)....\$524 per cattie. Patau (Old)....\$500 nom. " "

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Telegraphic Transfer.....\$75. Bank Bills, on demand.....\$98. Bills of Exchange, 30 days' sight.....\$98. 1st, at 4 months' sight.....\$75. Documentary Bills, at 4 m. sight.....\$75. ON PARIS.—Bank Bills, on demand.....4.35. Credit at 4 months' sight.....4.43. ON NEW YORK.—Bank Bills, on demand.....\$42. Credits, 10 to 12 days' sight.....\$42. ON BOMBAY.—Telegraphic Transfer.....\$27. Bank, on demand.....\$23. ON CALCUTTA.—Telegraphic Transfer.....\$27. Bank, on demand.....\$23. ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, at sight.....\$74. Private, 60 days' sight.....\$42.

SHARES.

Quotations are—Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Shares—\$162 per cent premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—\$162 per cent premium.

China Trade's Insurance Company's Shares—\$82 per share.

North China Insurance—Tls. 300 per share.

Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 122 per share.

Chinese Insurance Company, Limited—\$170 per share, ex div.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 145 per share.

Canton Insurance Office, Limited—\$80 per share.

Hong Kong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$370 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$74 per share.

Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—\$8 per cent prem.

Hong Kong, Canton, Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—\$50 per cent premium.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares—15 per cent discount.

China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited—30 per cent discount, nominal.

Douglas Steamship Company, Limited—\$50 per share.

Hong Kong Gas Company's Shares—\$90 per share.

Hong Kong Hotel Company's Shares—\$155 per share.

Hong Kong and China Banks Company, Limited—\$120 per share.

Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$20 per share.

Panjim and Sunphir Da Samtan Mining Company, Limited—\$10 per share.

Salangor Tin Mining Company—\$13 per share.

Penang Rubber Cultivation Company—The 12 per share.

Hong Kong Wool Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$67 per share.

Hong Kong and Mexico Glass Manufacturing Co. Limited—Per nominal.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 A—2 per cent premium.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—5 per cent premium.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent premium.

HONG KONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. FAUCOURT & CO'S Register.)

October 25th.

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QUEER STORY.

A SANDOWN SURPRISE.
When Mortimer "Wilding" suddenly announced that he was about to marry the lovely and accomplished Miss Helen Dare, his friends with one consent agreed that he has gone mad, and that he would bitterly regret his plunge after a very short experience of the joys of wedded life. It was not that there was anything peculiarly hostile to matrimonial felicity in Miss Dare's character; she was somewhat of a flirt, and had been much run after, but no one had ever suspected her of anything worse. Mortimer, too, was in the main a very good fellow, and at first sight might appear likely to make a model husband. And such, no doubt, he would have become, had it not been for the one fatal quality which marred his whole existence, and threatened to turn him from an easy-going, careless man-about-town into a sly and suspicious misanthrope. Mortimer's boasting sin was jealousy, the most unreasonable and abnormal kind; and from the day when he became the husband of an unusually pretty woman his life was almost a burden to him. The unfortunate man could not help himself, and it was in vain to argue with him. In his lucid intervals he was perfectly ready to recognise the fact that he had made a fool of himself; but the discovery never seemed to do him any good, and on the very next occasion when Mrs. Wilding accepted the smallest attention from any of her friends, her husband endured the utmost torture. She herself did not quite realise the agonies he suffered, for, to do the poor man justice, he generally stifled his feelings, and very rarely went so far as to hint to his wife that her conduct might with advantage be a trifle more discreet. So when he remonstrated, she merely opened her expressive eyes somewhat wider than usual, promised earnestly to behave better in future, and on the next opportunity repeated her offence. Thus Wilding gradually grew worse, gloomier, and suspicious, and his bachelor friends, who knew perfectly well the cause of his altered manners, shook their heads, and pointed him out to the rising generation as a melancholy example of the folly of marriage, and as a triumphal vindication of their own astuteness in keeping single. Some of them even went so far as to take a malicious delight in paying attention to Mrs. Wilding for the purpose of witnessing her husband's agonies. They would induce him, in moments of after-dinner weakness, to accept invitations for himself and his partner to the theatre or to Burlingham, where a casual whisper in the corridor, or a harmless scroll under the trees, would promptly raise the demon they desired to invoke, and Mortimer would vow that never again would he give way to such insidious advances, only to yield once more when the morning's reflection had convinced him that his fears were groundless. One of Wilding's most intimate friends, and the man, perhaps, of whom he was the least jealous, was a certain Captain in the Guards of the name of Spanker. They had been intimate both at school and college, and before Wilding's marriage, were sworn and truly allies. Ever since that inauspicious event they continued to be exceedingly friendly, and as Spanker generally had the sense to refrain from running after Mrs. Wilding, intervals of coolness were comparatively rare. One day the Captain announced to his friend the astonishing news that he, too, was on the point of committing matrimony.

"The deus ex you are!" ejaculated Wilding. "Why, I thought you were quite the very last man in the world. Don't you remember the way you preached to me?"

"Well, yes, I did," admitted Spanker; "but circumstances alter cases, you know."

"And what are the circumstances?"

"The fact is, old man, that I've been so informally hard hit lately, that unless I marry a girl with money I shall have to leave the regiment, and try change of air until such time as it pleases my respected uncle to deport this life."

"You don't mean that! And who is the fortunate young woman?"

"Well, I've done, myself, very fairly, indeed," said the Captain, complacently. "She is young, as you survive, nice-looking, and worth nearly three thousand a year. In fact, if I were capable of the passion, I should be quite in love with her."

"I believe you are, as it is; but of course you will not confess."

"Never mind about that. I'll introduce you to her, and you can judge for yourself."

And, at a half a few nights later, Mortimer was duly presented to the Captain's intended, one Miss Laura Delisle. He found her an exceedingly agreeable companion, pretty, well-informed, and talkative; and he, moreover, speedily discovered the fact that, whatever was the precise state of the Captain's feelings, there was no doubt at all that the young lady was very much in love with him.

Balls were usually periods of torture to Mr. Wilding, and the present entertainment was no exception to the rule. The poor man could not bear to see his wife's slender waist encircled by promiscuous and sacrilegious arms, and her occasional disappearance to the seduction of connoisseurs and dimly-lighted corridors filled him with a dismay which he was totally unable to conceal. Hence it was that, except when the partner of his joys was actually in the dancing-room, under his own immediate supervision, Wilding was not a particularly entertaining companion. His eyes and his attention would persist in wandering, and young ladies too often voted him a bit of a bore. On this particular evening it is happened that he danced two or three times with "Miss Delisle," anxious to make himself as agreeable to his friend's future wife, and the young lady was sharp enough to discover before long the true reason of his occasional fits of abstraction and gloom.

"Do you know, Mr. Wilding," she at length remarked, "that I am an excellent judge of character?"

"Really?" he answered, somewhat abashed, for a dance had just concluded, and Mrs. Wilding was temporarily invisible.

"You are a very fortunate person."

"I am, indeed. Would you like to test my powers of intuition?"

"By all means!"

"I can tell, for instance," she continued, "what your besetting weakness is: Do you care to know?"

"Certainly," said Wilding somewhat amazed.

"Well, you are most outrageously jealous!"

"What on earth makes you think so?" he added, fearing he was in the presence of a thought-reader.

"That is my secret. But now that I have told you your favourite sin——"

"But I don't admit that you have."

"Oh, nonsense! I am perfectly certain about it. And I don't mind acknowledging that our reason for this is that I am horribly jealous myself. I am quite sorry for poor Arthur."

"I certainly don't agree with you there," said Wilding gallantly. "I think he is about the luckiest man I know."

So Wilding and Miss Delisle parted the best of friends, and he subsequently confided to his wife that Captain Spanker was engaged to the most charming girl he had met for years.

A few weeks later Captain Spanker was dining with the Wilkins, when the conversation happened to turn upon Sandown.

"I never see you on the lawn," remarked the Captain to Mrs. Wilding.

"No, Mortimer does not belong," she

answered, "and of course, I am not allowed to go with any old oafs."

"But why don't you come down too, old man?" he inquired of his friend.

"Well, I don't much care about racing, and one is out of it if one is not a member. I've never been there, but that is so I believe?"

Across the Captain's ingenuous brain there forthwith flashed the idea of playing off on his friend, a mild little practical joke.

"Well, you're not supposed to go into the members' enclosure, but I daresay I can manage it for you," he answered merrily.

Miss Delisle was unusually amiable. But Miss Delisle was unusually amiable, and merrymaking, and his conversational efforts fell flat.

"How are you, anything of Captain Spanker," she presently asked, scanning the numerous crowd in the enclosure through her field-glasses.

"Hum, not lately," stammered Wilding.

"I met him earlier—in fact—we came down together. Shall I try to find him for you?"

A day or two later Wilding happened to be perusing the latest war news in his club when he overheard the following fragmentary conversation:

"Never saw a man so mad in my life! There was Loolesley fighting away with Mrs. Dash—pretty lively lot, that young woman—and poor old D—simply grinning, with fury on the other side of the railings."

"Stupid old ass! Didn't he know they wouldn't let him in?"

"Suppose Cleverton gammoned him somehow. He and Loolesley are very thick, you know. Believe Cleverton owes him money."

"And what's the rest of it?"

"Don't know, but as Dash hasn't allowed Loolesley to speak to his wife for six months, I should think they made the best of their time. People are talking of an elopement."

"But I fear I am forgetting my duties," said Miss Delisle. "Won't you have some lunch?"

"Oh, thanks very much!"

And with an heroic resolve to drown his sorrows, Wilding drank at least a bottle of champagne, and ate a great deal of Porgy pie, viciously stabbing the latent trifles with his fork, as though each one represented the heart of the perfidious Spanker. Presently he resumed his seat upon the box, and, emboldened by lunch, contrived to heckle a pincer, and began to feel somewhat less desperate, though more savage, if anything, than before. Spanker had obviously played his scurvy trick, and his thoughts turned upon vengeance.

"I'm keeping you from going on the law," he rejoined of his fair companion. "Not in the least," replied Miss Delisle;

"I would much rather stay here."

And as Mortimer looked at her, he noticed a set expression about the mouth and a dangerous light in her eyes which caused him to reflect that the gallant Captain might, perhaps, have no reasons than one to regret his day's amusement. The afternoon wore on, and Wilding only once quitted the drag to take a stroll round the paddock. On that occasion, as luck would have it, he met the blunt Captain fall in the face. Spanker was, of course, delighted.

"My dear boy!" he cried, "where on earth have you been? We've been looking for you everywhere. Your wife began to think that you had gone home."

"I'm very comfortable, thanks!"

"So sorry I put you on that brute Sky-light. By the way, have you had any lunch?"

"Oh, yes, thanks, please. But you can do me a turn," he continued. "I've met a lady here who is rather anxious to get into the members' enclosure. Do you think you could manage it?"

"I'm monstrously sorry, old chap," protested Spanker, thinking that two might be compared than three, "but I'm afraid it's hopeless. I gave my ticket away long ago, and I don't think there's anyone to be got."

"Oh, never mind, then! It's not of the least consequence. Ta-ta! Suppose we shall meet again later."

And Wilding returned to the drag, filled with a certain grim joy, while Spanker betook himself to the enclosure, wondering somewhat that his friend was not in a worse temper.

When the racing was over the Captain and Mrs. Wilding at once repaired to the gate, where they expected to meet Mortimer, and there he was, gloomy but composed.

"Ah, Spanker! Miss Delisle wants to speak to you a minute," he said, in a curiously significant fashion. "You will find her father's drag over there—dark blue and red—but you know it, of course. I'll look after Helen now," he continued.

"Miss who did you say?" cried the Captain, looking somewhat queer.

"Didn't you know she was here?" asked Mortimer, innocently. "Why, she's been watching you all the time, and was so sorry that you hadn't got ticket left for her."

The Captain muttered something which sounded suspiciously like an oath.

"It's a very good joke, this," he faltered.

"Glad you think so," retorted Wilding.

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